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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-



U-0212/POW-MIA

26 FEB 1992

TO: Headquarters
Air Force Military Personnel Center
DPMCB, ATTN: Mr. George Atkinson
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-6001

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Document and Photograph Pertaining to
First Lieutenant San D. Francisco, USAF

1. Enclosed is a report prepared in response to information garnered by a DIA researcher/debriefer on temporary duty in the POW/MIA office in Hanoi, Vietnam. This report, with accompanying photograph, has been correlated to First Lieutenant San D. Francisco, USAF, shot down over Vietnam 25 November 1968.
2. Also enclosed is a copy of the photograph taken of two Vietnamese museum displays concerning this case.
3. Source data and administrative markings have been deleted from this document so that it can be made available to you in an unclassified form.

CHARLES F. TROWBRIDGE, JR.
Deputy Chief
Special Office for Prisoners
of War and Missing in Action

1 Enclosure
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w/photo



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SUBJ: DIA IIR READDRESSAL (U).

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SERIAL: (U) IIR 6 014 0017 91.

BODY

'COUNTRY' (U) VIETNAM (VM)

SUBJ: IIR 6 014 0017 91/VIETNAMESE MUSEUM DOCUMENT/DISPLAY RELATING
TO AMERICAN CASUALTIES, REFND 1329 (U)

REF: A. (U) JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH MSG, DTG 230946Z AUG 89, SUBJ: DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1329 (C).

B. (U) JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH MSG, DTG 301914Z AUG 91, SUBJ:
RESEARCH REPORT: PAVN RECORDS (C)

C. (U) DIA POW-MIA IIR 6 014 0015 91, DTG 212030Z NOV 91.

D. (U) DIA POW-MIA IIR 6 014 0016 91, DTG 022130 DEC 91.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: (U) 681125-910814

REQS: (U) D-VOP-2430-05-90: D-VOP-2430-09-90: D-VOP-2430-38-90.

SOURCE: ARCHIVAL RECORD, HEADQUARTERS AND TRADITION HOUSE OF HANOI.

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, DATE OF RECORD CREATION UNKNOWN, IN VIETNAMESE. RELIABILITY OF SOURCE DOCUMENT IS UNKNOWN: DIA DOES NOT NECESSARILY CONCUR WITH ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ARCHIVAL RECORD.

SUMMARY: U.S. RESEARCHERS EXAMINED MUSEUM ARTIFACTS ON DISPLAY AND TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF MOST OF THE ITEMS OF INTEREST. INFORMATION ON THE DISPLAY TAG ASSOCIATED WITH A MUSEUM EXHIBIT OF AN F-4 AIRCRAFT FLIGHT CHECKLIST WHICH PROVIDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE SHOOT DOWN OF AN F4.

TEXT: 1. ON 29 JULY AND 14 AUGUST 1991, THE DIA RESEARCH SPECIALIST ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. OFFICE FOR POW/MIA AFFAIRS IN HANOI AND TWO VNOSMP RESEARCH SPECIALISTS VISITED THE HEADQUARTERS AND TRADITION HOUSE OF _____, HANOI. THE PURPOSE WAS TO PERMIT THE U.S. SPECIALIST TO EXAMINE WARTIME ARTIFACTS IN THE _____ TRADITION HOUSE, IDENTIFY ANY ARTIFACTS OR RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE MUSEUM THAT POSSIBLY INVOLVED UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS, AND DETERMINE THE MUSEUM'S ABILITY TO HELP LOCATE OTHER VIETNAMESE RECORDS AND WITNESSES TO INCIDENTS OF INTEREST.

A. (U) THE MUSEUM STAFF EXPLAINED THAT ALL OF THE WARTIME ARTIFACTS RELATED TO AMERICANS ARE ON DISPLAY.

B. (U) THE STAFF STATED THAT ALL ORIGINAL RECORDS THAT WERE SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL ARTIFACTS IN THE MUSEUM HAVE BEEN LOST OR DESTROYED BY ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES -- CHIEFLY HUMIDITY AND INSECTS.

C. (U) MEMBERS OF THE STAFF NOTED THAT THEY BELIEVED SOME
DISPLAY TAGS PROBABLY CONTAINED INACCURATE DATA CONCERNING DATES.

LOCATIONS, TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, ETC: HOWEVER, BECAUSE ALL THE UNIT.S WARTIME PERSONNEL AND MANY OF ITS WARTIME DOCUMENTS WERE GONE, THEY DID NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO CONFIRM THE DATA ON THE DISPLAY TAGS. THEY NOTED THAT, WHILE THE DATA MIGHT PROVE INADEQUATE FOR U.S. PURPOSES' THE DISPLAYS STILL SERVED THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE, WHICH IS TO INSTILL THE UNIT.S TROOPS WITH A SENSE OF PRIDE.

D. (U) THE MUSEUM STAFF ALSO NOTED THAT FREQUENT MOVES, OFTEN UNDER BATTLEFIELD CONDITIONS, CAUSED SOME INFORMATION AND ARTIFACTS TO BE LOST.

2. FOLLOWING IS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE DISPLAY TAG. INFORMATION ENCLOSED BY DOUBLE PARENTHESES, (()), ARE TRANSLATOR.S COMMENTS THAT PROVIDE MAP COORDINATES OR OTHERWISE CLARIFY THE ORIGINAL TEXT. INFORMATION ENCLOSED IN SINGLE PARENTHESES, (), WERE ENCLOSED BY PARENTHESES IN THE ORIGINAL TEXT. BEGIN TRANSLATION:

((A TWO-VOLUME AIRCREW.S CHECKLIST FOR THE U.S. F4D AND F4C AIRCRAFT, PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 1968. THE FOLLOWING NUMBER WAS FOUND INSIDE THE BOOK: 091655. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS NUMBER WAS NOT CLEAR. THE DISPLAY TAG DESCRIBED THIS ITEM IN VIETNAMESE AS:))
' .HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE F4C F4D AIRCRAFT TAKEN FROM AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT THAT C42 ((COMPANY)), D105 ((BATTALION)) SHOT DOWN ON 23.10.68 ((SIC)), AT KILOMETER 32 ON ROUTE 20."

COMMENTS: 1. FIELD RESEARCHER

A. (U) ALL PAGES HAD A REDDISH HUE. THEY SMELLED AND FELT AS IF THEY HAD BEEN SATURATED IN AVIATION FUEL. BASED ON AN EXAMINATION OF U.S. AND SRV MAPS, THE U.S. OFFICE ESTIMATES THAT KILOMETER 32, ROUTE 20, IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY AT 172020N/1061204E, XE 276173 (WITHIN 2000 METERS OF THE LOCATION WHERE THE REFNO 1329 AIRCRAFT WENT DOWN).

B. (U) THE U.S. OFFICE BELIEVES THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THE AIRCREW.S CHECKLIST EXHIBITED IN THE MUSEUM CITED THE WRONG INCIDENT DATE.

C. (U) BASED ON THE LIMITED RESEARCH OF ARCHIVAL RECORDS CONDUCTED BY DIA THUS FAR, IT APPEARS THAT PAVN COMBAT UNITS DID NOT MAINTAIN RECORDS THAT WERE INDEXED TO SPECIFIC INCIDENTS INVOLVING U.S. AIRCRAFT OR PERSONNEL. RECORDS OF THESE UNITS WERE KEYED TO THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIT: FOR EXAMPLE, ASSESSMENTS OF SELECTED COMBAT ACTIONS DURING A SPECIFIC PERIOD.

D. (U) THE U.S. RESEARCH TEAM IS PURSUING BOTH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MUSEUM SYSTEM AND ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS GENERATED BY ANALYSIS OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

2. HQ RESEARCHER

A. ON THE DATE CITED ON THE F4 CHECKLIST MUSEUM DISPLAY TAG, "23.10.68" (SIC), THERE WERE NO F4 AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

B. WHILE A DEFINITIVE CORRELATION CANNOT BE MADE BETWEEN THIS CHECKLIST AND REFNO 1329, THE VERSION OF THE F4 CHECKLIST IS CONSISTENT WITH THE F4D MODEL AIRCRAFT FLOWN BY MAJOR MORRISON AND FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANCISCO. THE CHECKLIST DISPLAYED IN THE MUSEUM WAS ONLY USED BY CREWMEMBERS FLYING F4C AND F4D MODEL AIRCRAFT.

C. ADDITIONALLY, THE LOCATION CITED ON THE DISPLAY TAG MATCHES REFNO 1329.S INCIDENT LOCATION. WHILE FLYING AN F4D ON 25 NOVEMBER 1968, MAJOR JOSEPH C. MORRISON AND FIRST LIEUTENANT SAN D.

FRANCISCO WERE SHOT DOWN OVER QUANG BINH PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM, IN THE VICINITY 172060N/1061144E, XE 270185. BOTH CREWMEMBERS SUCCESSFULLY EJECTED AND RADIO CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE GROUND. ALL RADIO CONTACT WAS LOST THE NEXT DAY. THE VIETNAMESE PRESS REPORTED THE SHOOT DOWN OF AN F4 AND THAT THE PILOTS WERE CAPTURED ALIVE.

COORDINATES

D. (U) THE BATTALION CITED IN THE MUSEUM DISPLAY TAG FOR THE CHECKLIST IS ALSO CITED ON ANOTHER DISPLAY TAG WHICH HAS BEEN CORRELATED TO REFNO 1329. (SEE REF D.)

E. (U) WHILE THE INCORRECT DATE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHECKLIST ON THE DISPLAY TAG PREVENTS A DEFINITIVE CORRELATION TO REFNO 1329, RESEARCH OF ALL AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA DOWNED DURING THAT TIMEFRAME PROVIDES NO OTHER LIKELY CANDIDATES.

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COLL: (U) NONE.

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ENCL: (U) TO FOLLOW: 1 ENCLOSURE (CYS FOR CILHI: USAF CAS OFF:

JCRC) PHOTOGRAPH OF CHECKLIST

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